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Overview

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Lilongwe, Malawi | 25th November 2024 — The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) and the Government of Malawi have officially launched the construction of a 20 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) at the Kanengo substation in Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. This is GEAPP's first.

Completed in 2021, the Golomoti Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Project in Malawi is more than just a remarkable civil project. It's an inspiring story of how creativity, empathy, and sustainability can merge to create a best-of-class project that not only provides electricity but also touches.

Malawi is one of the most energy-poor countries on the planet, with less than 20 percent of the population having access to a reliable source of electricity, and access remaining below 10 percent in rural areas. Because much of the country's existing capacity comes from hydropower, persistent.

Malawi's Minister of Energy, Ibrahim Matola, was recently in India to explore advanced battery storage solutions for the country's energy sector. This strategic visit is part of Malawi's push to diversify its energy sources and improve grid stability, particularly given its reliance on hydropower.

Malawi's electricity utility has broken ground on a solar power and battery storage project to increase power generation capacity. An aerial view showing part of the site for the Salima solar power plant. Image Source: EGENCO/X
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